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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to remove limitations previously added to claim 1, and to add the limitations of original claims 10 and 11. The currently amended claim 1 now contains the contents of original claims 1, 10, and 11. In the Office action dated 06/23/2004, the 5 examiner indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the currently amended claim 1 is now in allowable form. As a result of this amendment, claims 10 and 11 are now cancelled. Claims 2-9 and 12-13 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-9 and 12-13 is respectfully 10 requested.

New claims 14-24 are based on the claims 1-13 that were amended in response to the Office action dated 06/23/2004. In the second Office action dated 09/30/2004, the examiner indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of 15 the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 14 is drafted to include the limitations of claims 1, 10, and 11 as they stood as of 09/30/2004. Therefore, new claim 14 is now in allowable form. New claims 15-24 are duplicates of original claims 2-9 and 12-13, respectively, and should be allowed if claim 14 is allowed. Acceptance of claims 14-24 is respectfully requested.

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Since the claims currently contained in this application have all previously been indicated as allowable, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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